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For: MUIR-TORRE-LIKE SYNDROME IN FHIT
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 AND
PROVISIONAL ELECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.143 WITH TRAVERSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action dated July 8, 2002, in which the Examiner imposed a restriction requirement, please enter the following amendment and consider the following remarks. Applicants submit herewith (i) Exhibit A, a marked up version of the paragraph in the specification amended herein, with additions in underlined text and deletions in brackets, and (ii) a Petition for Extension of Time for response from August 8, 2002 up to and including October 8, 2002, accompanied by authorization for the necessary fee.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 20 of the specification to read as follows:

FIG. 4A-4D: Immunohistochemical detection of human FHIT in MTS tumors.

A, FHIT expression in normal hair follicle (200x); note that dense keratin horn shows nonspecific staining; B, FHIT expression in normal sebaceous gland (200x); C, hematoxylin and eosin (H&E) staining of a Muir-Torre Syndrome case 1 sebaceous tumor; D, lack of FHIT expression in most cells of the case 1 sebaceous tumor.